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**Other Notable Features** will be an article on "Track Athletics," by Walter Camp, illustrated from instantaneous photographs; "Little Venice," a vacation novelette; "A Provençal Pilgrimage," illustrated by Pennell; "London Polytechnics and People's Palaces"; English Cathedrals (St. Paul's, Westminster, etc.); "American Cliff Dwellings"; "The Single Tax," by Henry George and Edward Atkinson; the conclusion of Jefferson's Autobiography and "Friend Olivia"; and much else of more than ordinary interest.

## THE MAY CENTURY.

This number, beginning a new volume, will be issued May 1st. It contains "Was Either the Better Soldier?" and "Which was the Better Army?" two articles of the greatest interest to Union and Confederate soldiers as well as to civilians. There are also a number of martial articles, stories and poems appropriate to Memorial Day; among the contributors being Walt Whitman, Brander Matthews and others. "The Women of the French Salons" begins in this number, the illustrations accompanying this highly interesting series being among the most striking features of THE CENTURY's summer months. George Kennan contributes "Blacked Out," a paper describing the methods of the Russian Press Censor. Other contents of the May CENTURY include two papers on Marie Bashkirtseff, with new portraits, and engravings of several of her pictures; a profusely illustrated article on poultry raising; several articles on Washington, illustrated by hitherto unpublished portraits and relics; Cole's Engravings; Joseph Jefferson in Australia; brief papers on Consciousness, Theodore O'Hara, and the Arid Lands; three short stories; poems by Thomas Bailey Aldrich and others; and the usual departments. The MAY CENTURY is for sale by dealers everywhere. Price, 35 cents.

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## THE WISE VIRGIN.

YES, THEY HAVE HAD A QUARREL, AND SHE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE WILL MARRY HER RIVAL. BUT SHE IS NOT CAST DOWN. SHE HAPPENS TO KNOW THAT HER RIVAL WAS ENGAGED TO ANOTHER MAN LAST EVENING. MOREOVER, THE SUMMER WILL SOON BE HERE, AND INSTEAD OF GOING TO MT. DESERT AS A FIANCÉE, AND RECEIVING NO ATTENTION, SHE WILL HAVE A JOLLY GOOD TIME AND "LOADS OF FUN." THE ENGAGEMENT CAN, IF DESIRABLE, BE RENEWED IN THE AUTUMN.

## IN APRIL.

'TIS the voice of the landlord,

I hear him exclaim :

"I will put in a new range, have that damp spot in the cellar cemented, paint the front door, have house newly decorated throughout, put in steam heat and electric lights, send plumber to repair leaky faucet in bath room, put on a new roof, and have the refrigerator fitted up with a time-lock,

If you will sign again."

## HE HAS SHRUNK A GOOD DEAL.

MR. BLAINE: Isn't it odd how the President shrinks from criticism?

MR. PROCTOR: Yes, it is; especially when you consider how small he is already.



"TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE."



MILITARY TERM—MUSTARD IN."





"While there's Life there's Hope."

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ONE of the magazines is running a series of articles by a competent hand, which is intended to make clear to the average citizen what are his rights as a denizen of a city, and how he should go to work to get them. The series may be interesting reading and may be ever so successful as literature, but as information it will be wasted on American readers, who notoriously have no time to bother about their rights, and would only be embarrassed by a more intimate acquaintance with them. When an average American suspects the existence of a right that he wants to use, he hires a lawyer to get usufruct of it. For a right merely as a right, he doesn't care much. If it would be worth a dollar to him if established, and he can make five dollars in the time it would take him to establish it, he lets it slide. Anyone whose time is worth only one-fifth as much as his, can take it away with impunity. If the right is worth a hundred dollars, then the lawyer is hired, as he is also when the citizen gets mad; but the latter seldom happens. The average American is slow to anger, for wrath hinders business and warps the judgment. To find rights cherished and fought for with sentimental fervor, it is necessary to recur to old times, in poor countries, like Scotland, where business opportunities were meagre and ideas were more valued, because of the dearth of *things*. Give the American personal liberty, and a chance to make as much money as he can, and let him keep a fair proportion of what he makes, and he won't worry very much whether he has his rights or not. If he can't have his own he will buy or steal someone else's and be just as happy. It is a pity about him that he is so mean-spirited; but after all the right to earn money and spend it or keep it includes a very large slice of human freedom, and that the American adds the right not to do a number of things, such as to serve in the army, so that he gets on pretty comfortably.

LIFE would like to see some of his rights taken from him. He ought not to be allowed, for one thing, to marry his rich daughter to a penniless foreign prince; nor, for

another thing, to throw banana skins on the pavement; nor to spit on the floors of cars, not even smoking cars; nor to wear big bonnets to the theatre; nor to do all his pleasuring beyond the seas. To lose this last privilege would disturb him a good deal, but he may expect to have it abridged if he abuses it as he does.

AND for another thing he ought not to be allowed to live more than ten consecutive years in Chicago. It is bad for any person to stay there longer than that, and by that time he should have made his fortune and be ready to quit.

THE citizens' right to make a will gets a good deal of attention these days, and when he leaves a large estate, if he doesn't leave a pretty fair sort of distributory document with it, the chances are that his testamentary rights will not be respected. There ought to be night schools, or special classes of some sort in will-making for millionaires. The notion that because a man can make money he is competent to devise it is thoroughly mistaken, and has been proved to be so over and over again. When the time comes around for fixing over the statutes LIFE hopes to see it provided that a certificate of study by the testator in a School of Wills shall be exacted as a condition precedent to the legality of devises of sums exceeding a moderate limit. The greater the sums to be devised, the higher should be the requirements of proficiency in testamentary studies.

THERE are lots of things going on in the world nowadays; base-ball has begun for one thing, and New York's opportunities for going daft on that sport seem to have doubled; marbles, kite-flying and coaching are in season, too, and Mr. McAllister's friends have developed the game of afternoon-tea, at the Claremont, which is a very pretty diversion. But no one seems to be getting more fun for his money, than Mr. Godkin, of the *Evening Post*, and his friends from Tammany. Their games are lively and instructive, too. Mr. Godkin is finding out about criminal procedure, his Tammany friends are finding out about him, and the town, which knows all the players, watches the game with much amusement, and a good deal of edification. May the best man win.

THE city of Brooklyn promises to be as thoroughly edited as it is churchd. LIFE felicitates Mr. Halstead on his new engagement. If he likes to live next to the rose, Brooklyn is the place for him. Mugwumps, it seems, are what he is after. Here's a hoping he may find them in increasing numbers.





STANLEY IN EUROPE.

HE MENTIONS LARGE FINDS OF RUBBER AND IVORY. GREAT ENTHUSIASM IN ROYAL CIRCLES.

APRIL.

THE man who was sent out to rescue the man who didn't want to be rescued, has returned to his employers at Brussels. The incidental incidents of his tour in the way of ivory, inside information, etc., of course pale into insignificance alongside of his lugging Emin Pasha away from the empire he was establishing.

MR. LAWRENCE GODKIN'S plucky attack on Tammany loses none of its force because some would-be humorist in Tammany secured a warrant for him as "John Doe alias Larry Godkin." Wit and humor of this sort may amuse the black-listed Tammany men, but if they think it keeps Mr. Godkin awake nights they are probably mistaken.

MR. MCKINLEY'S latest achievement is a duty on nutmegs. This secures the vote of the wooden nutmeg industry in Connecticut to the Republican party, and is a veritable triumph of statesmanship—as statesmen exist to-day.

THE modern St. Benjamin and St. John must be proud of St. Matthew. He is a saint of their own kind, and the saints ought to stand together—and so they do.



THE "PIOUS" ADMINISTRATION.  
AN OBJECT-LESSON FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL SCHOLARS.



MCKINLEY'S TRIUMPH.  
A TARIFF FOR POLITICS ONLY.

MUCH I FEAR, GREAT KING CUMBOSO,  
THAT YOUR CONDUCT IS BUT SO-SO!



A BRAVE ATTACK.

## BOOKISHNESS

### "THE BROUGHTON HOUSE."

HERE is a novel by a new writer in fiction—Mr. Bliss Perry, a professor in Williams College and a son of the distinguished political economist. "The Broughton House" (Scribner's) is one of the least ambitious of stories—almost without plot or movement of the usual kind, and yet full of the interest which character always inspires. It is a bit of *genre* painting—quiet and delicate like "Cranford," with humor and pathos just rippling the placid surface.

The village of Broughton is in the hill country of New England, far enough from the railway to preserve its rural simplicity. There is "a level half mile of elm-arched street," with the great white Orthodox church at one end, and the Academy building at the other. Midway between them, the broad, grassy street widens into a gravelled space in front of the village inn, "The Broughton House," which had been metamorphosed from "Trumbull's" by the addition of a new wing for summer boarders and the advent of a new landlord. *Bill Trumbull* still lingers about the musty office to tell his ancient stories and preserve something of the old atmosphere of the place.

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ON the wide piazza of this modest house, or in the faded front room of an old cottage across the street, four people meet to play at whist during the evenings of one summer. They are very ordinary people—of the kind to which most men in their sincerest moments feel themselves akin. They are so uninteresting in position and accomplishment that one but slowly comes to see the possibilities in them of a serious tragedy. Without the incidents of passion, without a single melodramatic situation—and yet inevitably by the inherent weakness of one man, they drift through summer weather and days of apparent pleasure to one day of great significance, and to one dark event. The culmination of it all recalls Hawthorne's fine, pathetic remark that "in the battle of life the downright stroke which should fall only on a man's steel head-piece is sure to light on a woman's heart."

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THE quality in this book which sets it apart from most contemporary work is the truth, the conscientiousness of the workmanship in every detail, producing a picture in which things stand in exactly their right relation of light, shade, color and perspective. The art is so simple and direct that its full effect is cumulative, and only when you have finished the story do you realize the intelligence which has guided every movement of it.

This does not prevent one from liking better a story containing more color and action than this—from feeling, now and then, a little wearied by its placidity, a little irritated,

maybe, by the intense New Englandism of it all. But it is to be judged, as Mr. Russell Sturgis judges Japanese paintings, by the fine effects produced with no other colors than simple grays and browns. *Droch.*

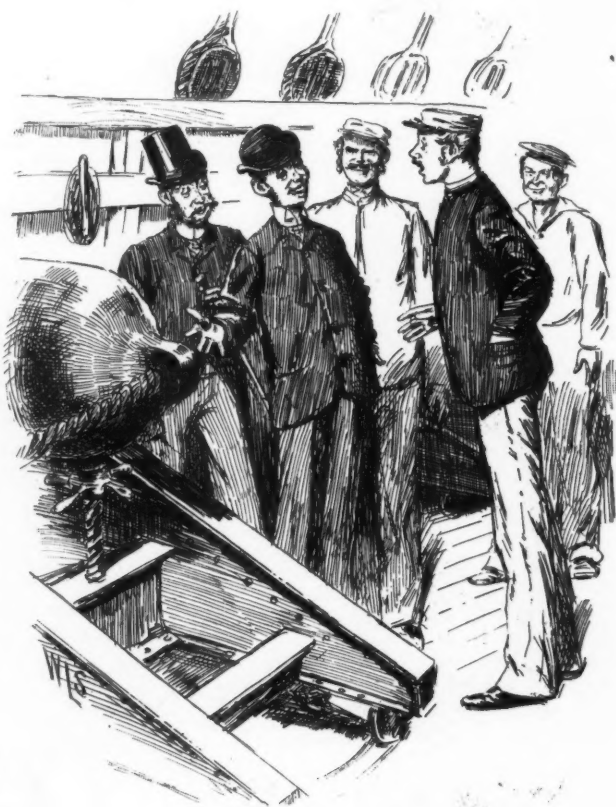
### NEW BOOKS.

*ERKEHARD.* By Joseph Victor von Scheffel. Two volumes. New York: W. S. Gottsburger & Company.

*Stage Land.* By Jerome K. Jerome. Illustrated by J. Bernard Partridge. New York: Henry Holt & Company.

*Poetry of the Anti-Jacobin.* Edited by Charles Edmonds. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

*La Bête Humaine.* By Émile Zola. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Brothers.

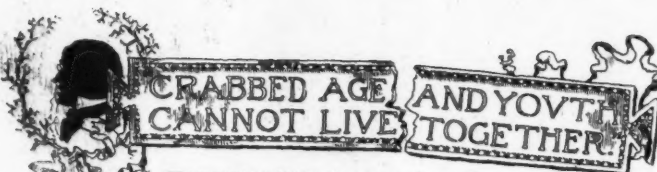


### NOT MUCH EXAGGERATED.

*Private in the Naval Reserve, at gun-drill:* YOU'RE VERY KIND TO SHOW US SO MUCH, SIR, BUT THERE'S ONE QUESTION I'D LIKE TO ASK.

*Lieut. Danna:* WHAT IS IT, SIR?

*Private:* AFTER YOU PUT ALL THAT POWDER AND THOSE OTHER THINGS INTO THE GUN, WHAT IS TO PREVENT THEIR COMING OUT AGAIN AND GETTING LOST WHEN THE GUN IS LIGHTED AT THE BACK END?



PERCHANCE these words were truthful

When our old world was young;

While love and spirits youthful  
Were by the poets sung.  
Now Chloris meets with blank looks  
All warm, sweet words of love,  
And puts the cursed bank books  
A peg or two above.  
Just now she bids him tarry,  
Then hears his hacking cough,  
And coyly laughs "let's marry,  
Nor put the day far off."  
The interest each share on,  
At five per cent. or six,  
She reckons, ere old Charon  
Has rowed him o'er the Styx.  
O, shades of Philip Sidney!  
"My true love hath my heart."  
(A scrap of lung and kidney  
Would better serve his part).  
O, Herrick, singer lyric,  
"E'en Death to die for thee—"  
(Is something quite satiric  
Addressed to such as she).

L'ENVOI.

The fire of Hymen's altar  
Is kindled now with gold,  
And youth will never falter  
If Age is—very old!

Sanborn Grove Tenney.

#### A MERE LITERARY PLEASANTRY.

MISS MINERVA BEACON-HILL  
(who indulges only in jokes  
that have a literary flavor): Do you  
know, Mr. Spoopendyke. I think that  
the Czar must be fond of Mr. Howells'  
novels?

MR. SPOOPENDYKE (who never  
has read a line of Howells, but hasn't  
courage enough to confess it): You  
really think so, Miss Beacon-Hill?  
Why?

MISS MINERVA BEACON-HILL (with  
a ghastly suggestion of a smile): Be-  
cause he hates plots.

YOU GIVE ME A PANE—said the  
window frame to the glazier.



"NO 'TIS NOT SO DEEP AS A WELL—NOR SO WIDE AS  
A CHURCH DOOR, BUT 'TIS ENOUGH; 'T WILL SERVE."  
Romeo and Juliet.

#### GETTING OUT OF THE WAY.

"WHY do you retire from so profitable a Wall Street busi-  
ness as yours?"  
"Ives & Stayner are loose."



Proprietor of Lonesome Pike County Hotel: I DON'T AGREE WITH YER, UNCLE  
COOK. IF YER SHOOT HIM RIGHT THROUGH THE WINDER IT WON'T MUSS UP THE  
YARD SO, AN' WE KIN GIT HIS HIDE OFF UNDER SHELTER.





SOCIAL NUISANCE  
THE HOSTESS WHO PAYS OFF TOO MANY



IAL NUISANCES.

OFF TOO MANY SOCIAL DEBTS AT ONCE.

## THOUGHTS.

A MIDNIGHT REVERIE.

THOUGHTS! I've thought you all before!  
 What we said when last we met!  
 What she said the time before!  
 What I meant to say and didn't!  
 How she looked, and what she wore!

Questions I forgot to ask!

Answers commonplace or flat,

Given too quick to catch the thought,  
 Answering thought with thoughtless chat.

Did I catch a hidden sense  
 While she talked of woe and weal,  
 Using words that meant but nought,  
 Voice and eyes that meant a deal?

Does she think of me to-night?  
 And, if so, what thought, forsooth?  
 And, if not at all, should I  
 Wish to know that horrid truth?

Thoughts! Your repetitions tire!  
 Thoughts! You're stale, you're ancient lore!  
 Plague of lovers since the Fall!  
 Thoughts! I've thought you all before!



## AMERICANS ABROAD.

Husband: COME, COME, MY DEAR, DON'T WASTE VALUABLE TIME THINKING; LOOK AT THE VIEW—LOOK AT THE VIEW!

## EXPLAINED.

JUDGE (to witness): You say that the defendant was born deaf and dumb, and at the age of twelve he lost the power of speech. Will you explain to the court how it was possible for him to lose the power of speech when he was already dumb?

WITNESS: When he was twelve years old he was playing in a saw mill one day and the buzz-saw took off eight of his fingers.



## DISAPPOINTMENT.

"IT'S NO USE WAITIN', TILLY, I CAN'T COME OUT; I'VE JUST BEEN SPANKED, AN' I'VE GOT TER GO TO BED WITHOUT ANY SUPPER, AN' BESIDES MOTHER'S TOOK ALL MY CLOTHES AWAY AN' HID 'EM. GIV JIMMY MY LOVE AN' TELL HIM HOW IT IS!"

## WELL NAMED.

COBWIGGER: Quack should be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretenses. That nostrum of his is no good.

BROWN: Pshaw! Didn't he sell it to you as a skin cure?

## A BENEVOLENT WISH.

CUMSO: My dear, do you think that our occupations in the next world will be the same as in this?

MRS. CUMSO: Well, I should be sorry to think you would smoke as much there as here.

## A LITERARY SCANDAL.

"DID you hear of the discovery they have made about Mark Twain?"

"No. What?"

"All his books were written by a man named Clemens."

## CLEANING LITERATURE.

"THE Clean Literature movement seems to progress."

"Yes; I see a prominent soap man gives away a book with every bar he sells—just to show I suppose what his soap can do."

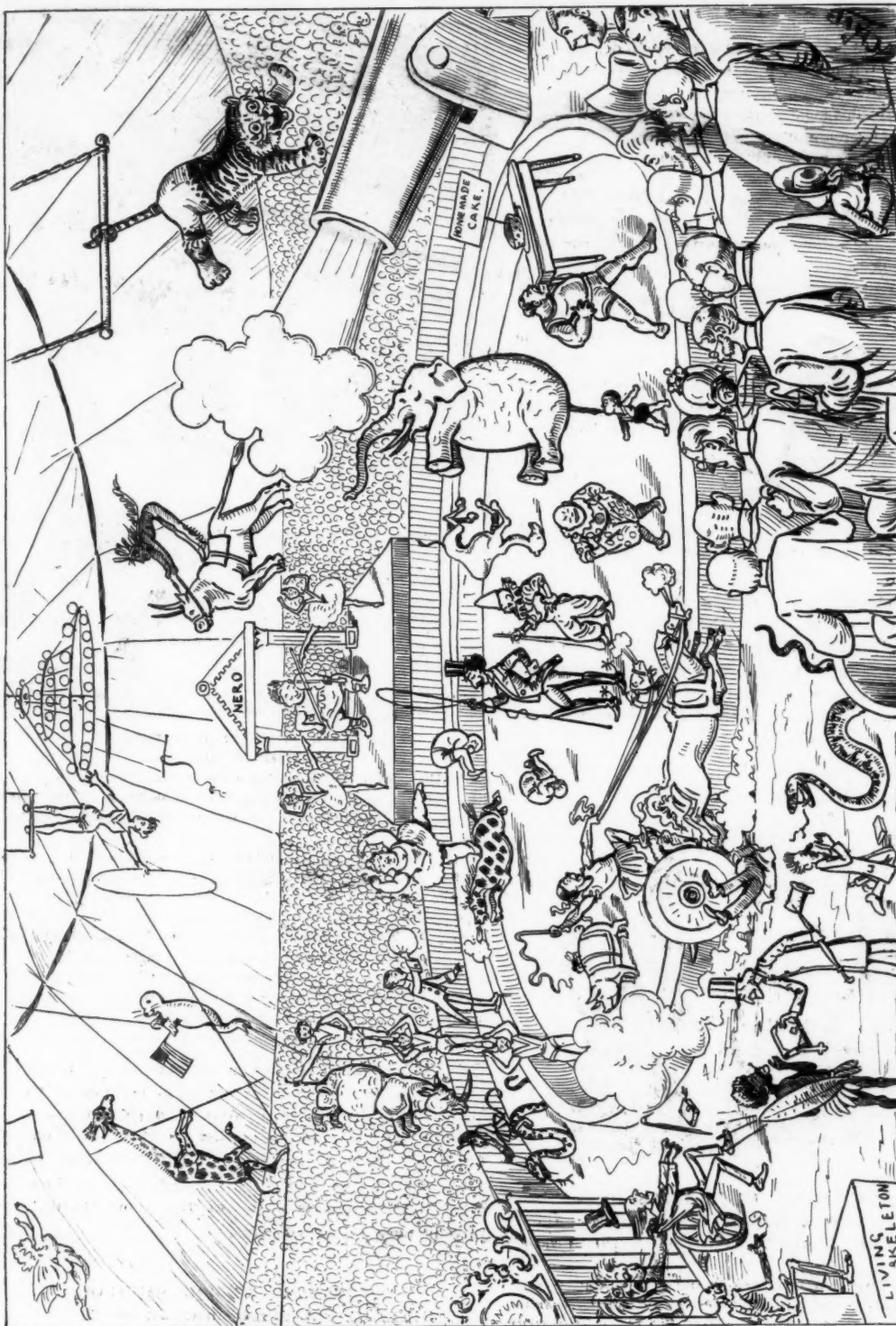
## EXCUSING HIMSELF.

MRS. BROWN: Did you pick up that tack I dropped on the floor?

BROWN: Yes; but I didn't mean to.

TOO MUCH FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING—The mud in Broadway.





BARNUM IS HERE !

## TWO IDEALS OF HEAVEN.

"THE Persian's heaven is easily made.  
'Tis but black eyes and lemonade,"  
Sang Moore, without alluding to  
The more consistent home-made brew.  
The Celtic version of the skies,  
Requires but whisky and black eyes.

## ON THE ADVANTAGE OF A LEGAL TRAINING.

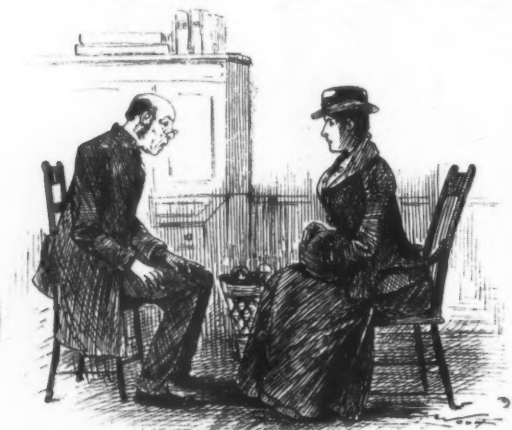


HERE was once an Ape, who had a Puck-like weakness for Chestnuts. One day, perceiving some Roasting in a Fire, he requested his Friend, the Cat, to hand them to him.

The Cat remarked that he would be dogged if He would burn his paws for the Anthropoid, and courteously suggested that he should pick them up himself.

Whereupon, the Ape, who was learned in the Law, siezed his Friend firmly around the waist, and, reminding him "*Quod facit per alium, facit per se*," used the Cat's Paw to remove the coveted Chestnuts, which, when they were cool, he devoured at his leisure.

This teaches us Not to sneer at a knowledge of the Phraseology of the Law.



## A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

*Clergyman:* YOU SAY YOU ARE GOING TO MARRY AGAIN! YOU SURPRISE ME. THIS WILL MAKE THE FOURTH HUSBAND, WILL IT NOT?

*Divorcee:* YES; AND AS YOU PERFORMED THE CEREMONY EACH TIME, I CALLED TO SEE IF I COULDN'T MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENT WITH YOU ABOUT GETTING A DISCOUNT ON THE MARRIAGE FEE.



## LIFE'S GALLERY OF BEAUTIES NO. 31.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

THE subject of our illustration is not celebrated so much for the amount of hair on his head as for his unpopularity at ministers' meetings. His name is also commonly used to scare Christian babies suffering from colic.

Mr. Ingersoll took his beginnings in the beautiful city of Peoria, which has the good fortune to be situated in the same state—geographically—as Chicago. It is not known whether frequent visits to the latter city gave Mr. Ingersoll the idea that there is no Sheol except on earth. At all events he outgrew the State of Illinois and came to New York, where, after declining many invitations to enter the ministry, he became a leading lawyer and after-dinner speaker. In these capacities, as well as an Apostle of Cheerfulness and a Genial Pagan, he is too well known to require any further description than that given in our realistic portrait.

IF the iron-skulled gentlemen who have charge of the Metropolitan Museum would throw open the doors of that institution Sundays, they would perform a simple and obvious duty. Why should the laboring classes be shut out from such a Museum? Because they are poor and work hard during the week, shall art and history be a sealed book to them? This seems to be the opinion of the progressive and charitable gentlemen in charge of that collection.

## THE HAND OF THE AMATEUR.

"SHEPARD is a self-made man, isn't he?"  
"It begins to look that way."



FRANKLIN MURPHY brought sympathetic tears to the eyes of his hearers at the dinner of the Leather Manufacturers' Association, by relating a story of benevolence. A friend of his, he said, was walking down to business one morning, when he saw a young woman with a baby in her arms sitting on a church step and weeping. The man, whom Mr. Murphy called Jones, was touched by her apparent distress and asked her what was the cause of it.

"I walked into town," she replied, "to have my baby baptized, and now it will cost me \$3 to have the service performed. I haven't the money and I don't know what to do."

"Well, that's a small matter," said Jones. "I haven't \$3 in change, but here's a ten-dollar bill. Take it and I will wait here for the change."

The woman returned in a short time and handed Jones \$7. He patted the child's head and went downtown, rejoicing in his own goodness. He felt good all that day and his countenance shone with an unusual brightness. His associates all noticed the change and finally one of them asked him the cause of it.

"I am happier than usual to-day," said Jones, "and the reason of it is that I did three good things on my way down town this morning." He related the occurrence and wound up by saying:

"So I performed a deed of charity, started a little child on its way to Paradise, and got seven good dollars for a counterfeit ten-dollar bill.—*Newark Journal.*

THE phosphate beds produce lots of funny instances. A tall, lank cracker entered a chemist's office the other day with a handkerchief full of rock and sand, and in a husky and excited whisper said:

"Mister, be you alone?"

"Yes, sir."

"Can I lock this door?"

"Yes, if you wish to."

After locking the door and seeing that no one was hiding anywhere, the cracker slowly undid his handkerchief and handed some rocks to the chemist for his inspection and asked: "What do you think of that?"

The chemist carefully examined it and said: "I do not think much of it," at the same time pouring some acid on it which caused it to effervesce like a sedlitz powder.

CRACKER: What does that show?

CHEMIST: That shows it is a first-class sample of lime, with no bone phosphate about it.

CRACKER: Boss, are you sure about the stuff?

CHEMIST: Yes, very sure.

CRACKER (with a long drawn breath): Well, I've married a widder with a hill plump full of that stuff, an' I thought it was phosphate. I'm in fer it, ain't I? Good-by.—*Gainesville Advocate.*

MAN ENTERS NEWSPAPER OFFICE. EDITOR LOOKS UP IN ALARM. "My dear sir," says the visitor, "I have a bench warrant for your arrest."

EDITOR: Thank God, it is no worse! I thought you had a poem!—*Pick Me Up.*

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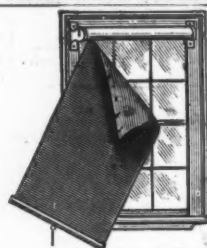
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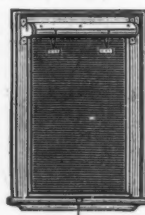
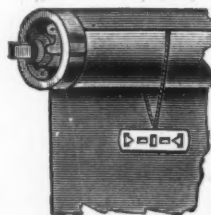
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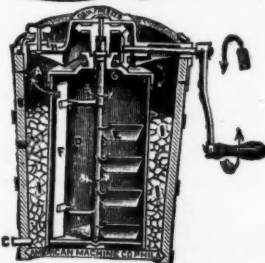
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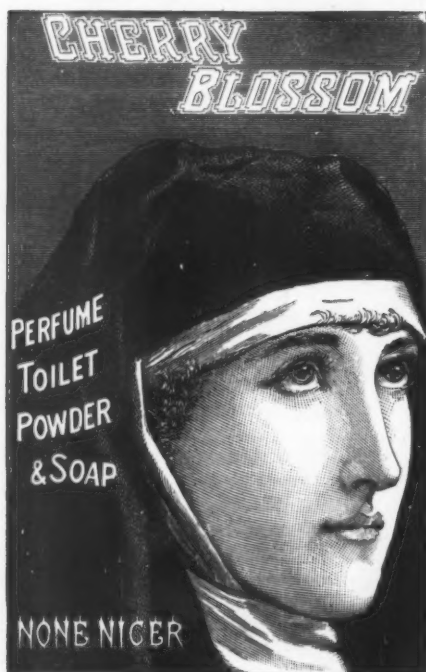
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